

Another Word January 6, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

Happy New Year! If you made any resolutions, I hope you can stick with them. Our sign out front says, The best resolution you can make is to, "Trust and Love the Lord." Let's pray that this year, we at King Road can help those around us, "Trust and love the Lord."

This Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking down our decorations. Let's meet at 10 am and be done by noon. Thanks for helping.

Our email prayer chain is growing. It is a quick and effective way to reach everyone to pray for those in need. If you aren't on the list but would like to be, just sign up on the sheet at the back table.

We will begin the second half of our Bible study on the book of Daniel, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held at 10:30 and 6pm. We have a few books available, so if you would like to join us, a sign-up sheet will also be at the back table.

Over the next 6 weeks, we will be taking a closer look at the statements of our beliefs as recorded in our Bylaws. This Sunday we will be looking at the Apostle's Creed, a very clear and concise statement of what a Christian does believe. It is also a great and grounded answer to when we are asked, "What do YOU, as a Christian, believe." Hope you can join us for a great discussion.

As we go to prayer, please keep praying for Kevin and Tammy Repp, Mark Hinckley (a friend of KRCC), my brother Tom, and of course the continued healing of Dale Campbell, and Larry Laser.

Almighty God, we find ourselves filled with hope as we embark on a new year. May we never forget that regardless of the daily situations we find ourselves in, that You are there, guiding and walking with us. Grant that we always show compassion for those around us as we keep You at the very heart of what we say and do. May we live each day with contagious joy and a deep gratitude for all the mercies You shower on us. We offer this prayer in the one perfect name, the name above all names, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

I ran across this little story I wrote 3 of 4 years ago. It just seemed to fit, especially because it ties into the statements of what we believe and who we are that we will be exploring over the next few weeks.

Many years ago, my mother showed me a quilt that was made by a family member in the late 1800's. What made it unusual was that it was made from scraps of fabric from the old "C. E. Ward" Robe and Vestments Company in New London, Ohio. You may recall, they were at one time, one of the premier choir, graduation, and ministerial robe companies in the nation.

Needless to say, they had to have an inventory of hundreds of colors of sateen and cotton fabrics on hand to fill orders from colleges and churches from around the nation. And because of that fact, the amazing, colorful quilt in my mother's possession looked like a large stained-glass window. Imagine randomly sized pieces of fabric, being sewn to other random pieces. And never touching the same color. If you looked at each individual piece, the quilt was unimpressive. But when you unfolded it, took in the whole quilt, it was breathtakingly beautiful.

It occurred to me, that this is how God puts together the “tapestry” of our lives. Each one of us is like a piece of the quilt. But God puts us together, each day, and right where He wants us to be. It is up to Him to see the finished product; it’s up to us to know that we are an integral piece of His plan.

Doesn’t it seem that God always does things, “One day at a time.” Look at Genesis for example. He appears to put life together, one piece at a time. In fact, scripture bears this out. Lamentations 3:23 tells us that His “mercies are new each morning.” Psalm 68:19 says He “Carries our burdens daily.” Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:11, that our soul will be “renewed, day by day.” Then He said, in order to follow Him, we need to “take up our cross.” When? “Daily.”

So, think of your life as one piece of the quilt of life. Like the quilt, our job is to be and to do the little pieces of life “daily.” And to not worry about the whole picture; that’s God’s job. He will put you where He wants you to be and working together we will all be a part of God’s beautiful tapestry of life.

In His Peace,

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